

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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Opposition No. 91187885  
Opposition No. 91187886  
Opposition No. 91187887  
Opposition No. 91187888  
Opposition No. 91187889  
Opposition No. 91187890  
Opposition No. 91187891  
Opposition No. 91187892

UNITED BUSINESS MEDIA, LLC

v.

NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
ASSOCIATION

Cheryl Butler, Attorney, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board:

The Board has reviewed each of the above-identified oppositions which involve the same parties and at least some of the same questions of law and fact. Answers have not yet been filed. Consented motions to extend operative dates were filed in each case on January 9, 2009. Such motions were granted on the same day in all cases except Opposition No. 91187885, wherein the motion is still pending. The motion pending in Opposition No. 91187885 to extend operative dates is hereby granted.

When the parties are involved in cases concerning common questions of law or fact pending before the Board, consolidation of such cases may be appropriate. Proceedings may be consolidated upon the Board's own initiative. See Fed. R. Civ.

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P. 42(a); and TBMP §511 (2d ed. rev 2004). The Board, in its discretion, may order cases consolidated prior to joinder of issue (*i.e.*, before an answer has been filed in each case)

The Board finds it appropriate to consolidate the above-identified proceedings for purposes of judicial economy. Accordingly, Opposition Nos. 91187885; 91187886; 91187887; 91187888; 91187889; 91187890; 91187891; and 91187892 are hereby consolidated and may be presented on the same records and briefs (except that the answers for each proceeding are to be filed in the corresponding proceeding). The record will be maintained in Opposition No. 91187885 as the "parent" case, but all papers filed in these cases should include both proceeding numbers in ascending order.

The operative dates for this consolidated proceeding are copied below:<sup>1</sup>

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| Time to Answer                          | 4/13/09  |
| Deadline for Discovery Conference       | 5/13/09  |
| Discovery Opens                         | 5/13/09  |
| Initial Disclosures Due                 | 6/12/09  |
| Expert Disclosures Due                  | 10/10/09 |
| Discovery Closes                        | 11/9/09  |
| Plaintiff's Pretrial Disclosures        | 12/24/09 |
| Plaintiff's 30-day Trial Period Ends    | 2/7/10   |
| Defendant's Pretrial Disclosures        | 2/22/10  |
| Defendant's 30-day Trial Period Ends    | 4/8/10   |
| Plaintiff's Rebuttal Disclosures        | 4/23/10  |
| Plaintiff's 15-day Rebuttal Period Ends | 5/23/10  |

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<sup>1</sup> The Board repeats that the answer to each opposition is to be filed separately in each opposition proceeding. Any other papers are to be filed only in the parent case.

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In each instance, a copy of the transcript of testimony together with copies of documentary exhibits, must be served on the adverse party within thirty days after completion of the taking of testimony. Trademark Rule 2.125.

Briefs shall be filed in accordance with Rule 2.128(a) and (b). An oral hearing will be set only upon request filed as provided by Trademark Rule 2.129.

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